

CITY NEWS.

About "Chief" Sam

A Letter from the Department of State that Will Interest Many of Our Readers, to Prof. J. Silas Harris of this City.

March 14, 1914.

Mr. J. Silas Harris, President, Negro National Educational Congress, Kansas City.

Sir: The Department has received your letter of March 9, 1914, in which you request information as to the genuineness of the representations made by one "Chief Sam" in inducing American Negroes to migrate to the Gold Coast Colony.

In reply you are informed that it would appear from information received by the Department that in certain statements attributed to "Chief Sam" he has misrepresented conditions in the Gold Coast Colony. The Department is reliably informed that there is practically no land in the possession of the Gold Coast Government, it being held almost entirely by the native chiefs and communities. Broadly speaking, immigrants could acquire lands in the Colony in two ways only:

(1) By adoption into a native community when they would be allotted land by the chief, subject to the customs of the tribe—a condition which would not likely be acceptable to persons who are Christians and civilized.

(2) By obtaining a lease of land from any native chief or community that may be prepared to grant it, which transaction would have to be sanctioned by the Government of the Colony, and, in this connection, it may be stated that no leases have been registered with that Government by "Chief Sam" or his followers.

The Department has been reliably informed that the West African climate and conditions have a deleterious effect on the health of immigrants, regardless of race.

Requests have been made by the Department by parties having a thorough knowledge of conditions in the Gold Coast Colony that it do all in its power to prevent the departure for the Colony of the intending immigrants referred to above, stating that they are foredoomed to disappointment and would, without doubt, become a public charge upon their arrival there.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, for the secretary of state, JOHN E. OSBORNE, Assistant Secretary.

MASONIC.

Tuskegee Institute has never had a more cordial and sincere support than that which has come so spontaneously from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama. The annual communications have been held upon the school grounds several times and donations have been frequently voted by the brethren who are also sending their children to the institution.

When President Booker T. Washington felt himself ready for the mystic rites of the order he hid himself up to Boston where, in the bright limelight, the ceremonies were performed by the Grand Master of the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge, much to the surprise of Masons throughout the whole country.

The affair caused no little commotion in the craft circles and had to have several "official" doctorings before it was straightened out. The short-sightedness of Dr. Washington is quite apparent in the affair and goes to show that big men can do some very foolish things sometimes.

—HERRIFORD.

DIDN'T FIND IT INTERESTING

Settler Had No Hesitation in Declaring Encyclopedia Had Its Dry Spots.

Dudley Field Malone, the new collector of the port of New York, said to a reporter:

"I'm too new to my job to talk about it yet. If I talked about it I might, like the mountaineer, give away my ignorance."

"A man was hunting in Pike county, and up around Porters lake he visited a settler's house."

"He noticed a volume of a good encyclopedia on a shelf above the gun, and said:

"It must be a handy thing away off here to have an encyclopedia."

"'Yep,' said the mountaineer. 'Yep, she's handy. I only got the first book.'"

"'Why haven't you got the others?'"

"I ain't finished this one yet, so I ain't ready for another. I bought this one off an agent about eight years ago. He come round six months afterwards and says, 'Here's your second volume, mister.'"

"'What?' says I. 'Why, I ain't finished the first volume yet. You jest dig out!'"

"He dug, too. Nine year ago it was. I ain't more'n half through her yet. The wife, she's about quarter through. It took a lot o' brains to write this book, but it's my opinion, all the same, and I don't mind tellin' ye, that I think she's got her dry streaks, like most everything else."

To Retain English Thatch Roof.

A strong appeal is made to lovers of English rural scenery, landowners, stock breeders and others in favor of retaining the thatch roof for rural cottages and farms. It is remarked that there are few, if any, lovelier artificial things than a thatched English cottage or farmstead, and none that have become more completely a part of the tradition and the spirit of English landscape, of the rural scenery which has for centuries inspired the work of the greatest artists and poets.

The thatch of these buildings, it is regretted, is to a large extent giving place to iron roofs in many parts of the country, and the aim is to preserve thatched roofing where possible.

One of the supporters of the movement quotes a famous live stock auctioneer, who said he had never seen stock do so well as when brought up under the thatch roof, as it is warm in winter and cool in summer—very important factors in bringing a young animal along, more or less, under a moderate temperature.

One Rule of Nature.

Every few years we must slow up a bit—stop producing as much as we can, otherwise all markets would be swamped with unsold products.

Food is the one thing—if we except radium—which never becomes too plentiful. People increase in number a little faster than the supply of things to eat.

Reason: Science has not multiplied the output of the soil in the same feverish way that it has increased manufacturing possibilities. An acre does better than it did on New Year's day, 1800, but not nearly so much better as almost every other thing that you can think of. So our farmers are busy all the time, and yet food is never too plentiful.

Hard Luck Experiences.

Two New Yorkers of some experience in travel other than by the rapid transit lines of the metropolis were telling hard luck stories.

"About the worst I ever got up against," said one, "was buying from a Connecticut Yankee what was represented to be a pullet, and, by jove, it turned out to be a hen so old she couldn't lay fresh eggs."

"Hard lines, hard lines," sighed the other, who had a red nose, "but think of me being marooned for a whole month in a Kansas town which was so teotally temperance that even the cows had gone dry at the last election."

Danger in a Dark Kitchen.

No man has a right to expect a woman to keep a sweet heart and a cheerful mind and live in a house bare of comfort and beauty and work in a dark kitchen. Too many farmers when building a house never consult their wives, take no thought of their comfort or convenience, and leave the kitchen the last thing to be considered if it is considered at all. And it asked to spend money on decorating the home would actually feel abused!

A woman's life in the country is often necessarily lonely and she ought to have the very sunniest, most pleasant rooms in the house for her sitting-room and kitchen. Most farm wives spend two-thirds of their waking hours in the kitchen, and no money spent in making this place one of convenience and comfort can ever be wasted.

NEW FLORAL PARLOR

The Crosthwait Floral Co.

Begs to announce that they are now open for business at

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Where they will be pleased to meet their many friends and all others desiring anything in their line.

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Formal Grand Opening--Palm Sunday

Grand Easter Ball

MONDAY EVENING

APRIL 13th, 1914

ARMORY HALL

Cottage and Vine Streets

Grand March 10:15 P. M.

GREAT WESTERN ORCHESTRA

PROF. S. J. MORTON, Conductor

Dance Every Monday Evening, From 8 to 12

TO MUSICAL STUDENTS.

Carl H. X. Stewart will take a few Mrs. Mary D. Stewart will take a few pupils in Harmony, or on the Piano few pupils on either the Piano, Guitar, Mandolin, or Banjo and the Theory of Music.

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For First Class Meals Go to the Magnolia Cafe

MEALS AT ALL HOURS

15 cents and up

MODERN FURNISHED ROOMS IN CONNECTION

Board and Rooms by the week

Rates Reasonable

ELIZA DIXON, Prop.

1518 E. 18th Street

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

"I did not know you were keeping store here, else I would have been around to patronize you," was what a colored man was overheard to say to a colored business man a few days ago. This business man had been at the one stand for several years, but this friend did not know it. He was managing to make a living, but he had not gotten his friends' trade because he had neglected to let his friends know that he was in business.

How many friends were there just like the first? How many dollars had this colored man lost through neglect to notify the public which includes his friends.

The business man did not even resort to the somewhat out-of-date method of scattering circulars. He had never considered advertising. He, too, knew that white merchants who have built their business from small beginning to large propositions had been large users of advertising space in the newspapers. He did not seem to care to know that the public largely patronized these merchants because they let the community know what they had for sale. He was still in the beginning class, making but little more than a laborer gets.

Mr. Colored Business Man, the opportunity is yours, like that of the white man who began small. The race wants to support you, but wants you to let the public know what you have.

Try the Sun for results.

If you should ask a Kansas Cityan as to the most elegant and popular barber shop in the city he would unhesitatingly say: "The Palace Barber Shop at 1516 East Nineteenth street (near Vine) owned by that prince of good fellows—Prof. J. C. Hobbs—who, also, has next door one of the neatest and best kept Pool Halls in town."

Prof. Hobbs employs only the BEST workmen, among whom are Messrs. C. J. Nelson, David Robinson, W. T. Scott and H. A. Peace, while he himself is a barber of acknowledged ability. Ernest Turner, the best known porter in Kansas City, looks after the comfort of his patrons with Miss Mary A. Woodson, the neat and capable cashier. Prof. Hobbs is also Kansas City's most popular dancing master, being manager of the People's Dancing Academy, which dances every Thursday night at Lyric Hall, 1731 Lydia avenue, all the latest dances. Telephone, Bell 2835 East.

Home Phone Main 7646.

COHN'S BUFFET

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300 East 12th St. Kansas City, Mo.

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MR. R. QUINN.

The enterprising and intrepid young hustler who will give a mammoth entertainment in Convention Hall

GRAND MUSICAL RECITAL.

at Convention Hall, June 19, 1914.

Speakers of Note In and Out of the City Will Be Present.

Music by the Best Talent Procured

Tickets will be on sale at the leading drug stores of the city after February 15, 1914.

For further information write R. F. Quinn, 5714 Main street, Kansas City, Mo.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The collections have passed the \$15,000 mark. As a goal, \$17,000 is approached, the enthusiasm of the collectors and subscribers increases.

When \$17,000 has been received Mr. Rosenwald will be notified. Thereupon he will forward his check for \$25,000.

On last Sunday at the Men's Meeting, in a most pleasing manner, Prof. G. B. Buster, of the Sumner High School, told the story of "The Fourth Wise Man." This was the last Sunday meeting at the old Association Headquarters. Sunday, April 5th, a praise service will be held at a new address, 1830 Paseo.

Nashville, Tennessee is in the midst of a big building campaign conducted by Dr. J. E. Mooreland, international secretary; \$30,000 is to be subscribed by the colored citizens of Nashville. Four men, H. A. Boyd, Preston Taylor, R. H. Boyd and Wm. Beckman have each subscribed \$1,000. J. C. Napier subscribed \$500. This gives Nashville the record for the number of large subscriptions.

Call Chas. Monroe

For Carriage or Automobile

Funerals and Parties a Specialty

Rates Reasonable

2102 Woodland Ave.

Bell Phone 5194 East

Bell Phone 2525 East

Kansas City, Mo.

Women's Club Notes

Mrs. J. W. Banks entertained the KaSees last Wednesday.

The Peck Mite Missionary Society have bath and bedroom rugs, aprons, boudoir caps for sale.

The Clippers will meet Saturday, April 4th, at Miss Naomi White, 1929 Virginia. All members are requested to be present.

Dancing every Wednesday night at Armory Hall, Cottage and Vine Streets. Roscoe White, dancing master. Hall for rent. Call Bell East 308-R.

All members of the Tango Club meet at 1238 Vine Street Tuesday night, April 7th for arrangement of the grand party to be given April 17. Call Bell phone e, East 308-R.

To the Kansas City Sun: I desire to have this expression in "They Say" Column and oblige.

PEAL CHOUTEAU STEWART. Clio's are certainly observing the Ten Commandments "attending to their own business."

The Baptist Relief Workers will meet with Mrs. Geo. Gamble, Sunday, April 5, at 4 p. m., 1628 Agnes Ave. All Penny Holders must be turned in on that date.

MRS. MAUDE GAMBLE, President.

INEZ PAGE, Secretary.

Kensington Art Club desires its many friends and the public in general to know that the article in the last week's issue of this paper referring to Kensington was erroneous. Kensington is moving peacefully onward as heretofore.

(Signed) KENSINGTON ART CLUB

MRS. M. G. BROOKINS, President.

MRS. JAS. A. LEE, Secretary.

Grand Master Hawkins of the Kansas Jurisdiction and Grand Master Crews of the Missouri Jurisdiction have called a joint meeting of all the Masonic lodges of the two Kansas Cities for Sunday, April 5th at 2 p. m., at the office of Grand Master Crews, 1818 and Woodland, to discuss the Harris case and the advisability of a monster celebration of St. John's Day.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE. The Negro Business League will hold an open meeting Sunday night, April 5, at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, 17th and Tracy, and will hold their regular meeting Tuesday night, April 12, at their rooms, 1803 E. 18th street, at which time the president will read his annual address. Refreshments will be served and ladies are invited.

A CHANCE FOR EVERYBODY. An opportunity for the School teacher, school boys and girls to win three valuable prizes for the best ad of twenty-five words describing the Tango Sundae on a Blazer at Smith's Drug Store at 18th and Tracy avenue. Send your suggestions in at once. Each purchase entitles you to a suggestion. The Contest will close one week before Easter. The first prize is \$5 in gold; second prize is a first class tennis racket; third prize one year's subscription to the Kansas City Sun. The names of the winners will be published Easter Sunday in the Kansas City Sun.

GET BUSY!

FOR SALE TO COLORED PEOPLE. Two modern 8-room houses with barns, one brick veneer and the other frame; rental value, \$70 per month; lot 75x120 feet; near 12th and Michigan; can be sold to colored people; prefer to sell together, but will consider selling separately; can make terms and might take in smaller property at its value; for additional information see W. H. Livingston, 210 Finance Bldg.

FOR RENT—Nice furnished front room; strictly modern. Bell phone. Grand 1967-W.

Mrs. C. L. Davis, 1320 Kensington, has returned home from Topeka, Kas., where she has been visiting her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess H. Robinson of St. Joseph, Mo., were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Robinson.

Mrs. Myrtle Wadely who has been ill for some time is much improved and hopes to attend church next Sunday.

Money to Loan on Kansas City Real Estate. Don't lose your equity. Bring your troubles to us. We can help you. Afro-American Investment Co. 911 McGee Street.

FOR RENT—Neatly modern furnished rooms. Transients, a specialty. East 4721-W. Wm. Fisher, Propr., 910 Garfield.

Mrs. Stella Greenlee, 2302 Highland Avenue, entertained thirteen members of the Ebenezer Improvement oBard, March 27th. All had an enjoyable time.

Evelyn, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tallafiero, who has been ill for quite awhile is convalescent at their residence, 53rd and Kansas Avenue.

Music furnished by capable pianist for parties, receptions, teas, etc. Also instruction given beginners on the piano forte. Rates reasonable. MISS CARMEN HACKLEY. 2028 Harrison St.

Rev. W. J. Deboe of St. Joseph, Mo., enroute home from Central Missouri Conference, which convened at Fulton, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. Rosa B. Smith, 2440 Vine street.

We are in position to show you a complete line of Colonials in satin, French kid, patent leather, and gun metal with the latest heel. G. A. Page, Prop., H. G. Jones, Mgr. 1507 E. 18th Street.

March 27 Mrs. Lula Miller and a few friends gave a surprise party to her sister, Cora McKay, 2406 Flora Avenue in honor of her birthday anniversary. A splendid time was had and many nice presents received.

Have your collar, cuffs and hat piece crocheted, only \$5.00 entire set. Send in your order for hand crocheted set. Write Miss Pearl Newton, 3921 Scarritt Ave.

Prof. Roscoe White has returned from Pleasanton, Kas., where Mrs. Janie White, lady instructor of Armory Hall, received great applause on such dances as the Tango, Hesitation Waltz, Flat Walk and others of her dances at the great ball given in Pleasanton, Monday night, March 30th.

We are asking our friends to bring their children in early and have them fitted out in Easter shoes and Mary Janes. Our stock is complete in these lines. 1507 E. 18th Street.

In passing, look at our windows. Remember all our shoes are not in the windows. Come in therefore and let us show you our entire stock. 1507 E. 18th Street.

Get used to the imprint of the race printer, who wishes your patronage on the basis of better and quicker printing service. This is it: C. A. Franklin, Printer, 1409 Main St.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of my husband, Wm. Black, who departed this life April 8th, 1913.

Just one year today you left me, And your loss I deeply feel, But 'tis God who has bereft me He can all my sorrows heal.

Sleep on beloved, sleep and take your rest, Lay down your head upon the Saviour's breast, I loved you well but Jesus loved you best, Sleep on, sleep on, sleep on.

Lovingly, —ALICE BLACK.

LYDIA COURTS,

1422-32 E. 3rd St.,

STRICTLY MODERN FLATS

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